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NEVADA HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATER AWARDS

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"As we built The Smith Center, I was whole-heartedly set on making sure that Nevada's young performers had an opportunity to be celebrated for their accomplishments. Last year it was magical to watch these kids blossom from their school theater productions, to taking the stage here at the center, the home of the performing arts in Nevada, to having an opportunity to learn and perform on a theater stage in the heart of Broadway. I can't wait to do it again."

-Myron Martin, president and CEO of The Smith Center and chairman of the advisory board for The National High School Musical Theatre Awards

About the Nevada High School Musical Theater Awards

The Nevada High School Musical Theater Awards is a community-wide celebration that honors the future stars of the stage by recognizing students' outstanding individual artistry in vocal, dance and acting performance. Throughout the academic year, students vie for a spot to participate in the culminating competition in which the nominees perform in front of a panel of esteemed judges. To make it to the awards, participants must play a leading role in their high school production, and be recommended by their respective school.

The two students awarded Best Actor and Best Actress go on to represent Nevada at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards in New York City.

While in New York City, participants experience a five-day theatrical boot camp consisting of private coaching, master classes and rehearsals with theater professionals. Their week's journey concludes with a panel of industry experts selecting exceptional students for The Jimmy Award for Best Performance by an Actress and Actor. Students receive opportunities for merit scholarships, professional advancement and other prizes.



How Can My School Participate?

If your school is interested in participating, please click below for the application and program details. Questions regarding participation in the Nevada High School Musical Theater Awards should be directed to Kim Russell in the education department at The Smith Center, (702) 749-2542.

The 2017 Nevada High School Musical Theater Awards

2017 Nevada High School Musical Theater Award Winners

Best Actor: Nathan Sink (Centennial High School, *The Addams Family*)

Best Actress: Adelynn Tourondel (Green Valley High School, *Nice Work If You Can Get It*)

Spotlight Award: David Wade (Las Vegas Academy) and Nikole York (Las Vegas Academy)

2016 Nevada High School Musical Theater Award Winners

Best Actor: Deimoni Brewington (Las Vegas Academy, *Footloose*)

Best Actress: Mariah Martin (Calvary Chapel Christian School, *Annie*)

Spotlight Award: Connor Freeman (Green Valley High School) and Jessica Vanek (Las Vegas Academy)

2015 Nevada High School Musical Theater Award Winners

Best Actor: Deylan Dean (Las Vegas Academy, *Aida*)

Best Actress: Courtney Neistadt (Centennial High School, *Shrek The Musical*)

Spotlight Award: Jackson Langford (Faith Conservatory) and Ja'Keetrius Woods (Las Vegas Academy)

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2014 Nevada High School Musical Theater Award Winners

Best Actor: Isaac Arnett (Calvary Chapel, *Shrek The Musical*)

Best Actress: Brooke Solan (Faith Lutheran, *The Drowsy Chaperone*)

Spotlight Award: Aurora Watts-Esquibel and Nathaniel Harlan (Las Vegas Academy)

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